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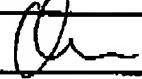
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Multiple dependent claims

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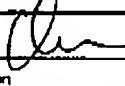
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the remarks provided below.

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Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21. (canceled).

22. (original) A method of reducing neurotransmitter release in a subdermal structure of a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) non-chemically disrupting the stratum corneum of the patient's skin to reduce impermeability of the stratum corneum; and

(b) applying botulinum toxin to the skin of the patient in an area that has had the stratum corneum disrupted in step (a).

23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the stratum corneum is disrupted by abrasively removing the stratum corneum.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the stratum corneum is disrupted by applying an adhesive material to the patient's skin, and removing the adhesive material applied thereto.

25. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the stratum corneum is disrupted by applying ultrasound at a frequency between 20 kHz and less than 10 MHz at an intensity that does not permanently damage the patient's skin.

26. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the stratum corneum is disrupted by passing electrical current from a first point on the patient's skin to a second point on the patient's skin.

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27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the electrical current is passed to create a plurality of pores in the stratum corneum to enhance passage of botulinum toxin to the subdermal structures.
28. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from a group of botulinum toxins consisting of types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.
29. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the botulinum toxin is applied in a pharmaceutical composition comprising an enhancing agent for enhancing the delivery of the botulinum toxin through the skin.
30. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the botulinum toxin is incorporated into a transfersome.

31-35 (canceled).

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REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 22-30 will be pending in this application.

Yuzhakov et al. Is Not Prior Art

Claims 22 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,565,532 to Yuzhakov et al. (hereinafter "the Yuzhakov reference"). Applicant respectfully asserts the claimed invention is novel because the Yuzhakov reference cannot be an anticipating prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Specifically, 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) states that an applicant is entitled to a patent, unless:

the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371 (c) of this title [35 USC §371(c)(1), (2), (4)] before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent...

Thus, a reference can only be prior art under 102(e) if it is granted **before** to the priority date of the claimed invention. The Yuzhakov reference cannot be an anticipating prior art reference under 102(e) because its grant date of May 20, 2003 is after the invention date of the present application, which is as least as early as July 11, 2002 (see Preliminary Amendment filed on September 29, 2003, which amended the specification to state that the present application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/194,805 which was filed July 11, 2002). Accordingly, the claimed invention is novel.

The Claims Are Nonobvious

Claims 22-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being obvious over the Yuzhakov reference in view of Mitragotri et al. (Science, Vol. 269, August 11,

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1995, hereinafter "the Mitragotri reference"), U.S. Patent No. 5,587,396 (hereinafter "the Smith reference"), and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,165,500 (hereinafter "the Cevc reference").

The Office Action cites the Yuzhakov reference as the primary reference. However, as stated above, the Yuzhakov reference cannot be cited as prior art. As such, the rejection for obviousness would be based entirely on the cited secondary references. However, none of the secondary references by itself, or in combination with other references, teach or suggest the claimed invention. For example, the claimed invention recites the steps of **non-chemically disrupting** the stratum corneum and applying a **botulinum toxin** to the disrupted stratum corneum for the botulinum toxin to penetrate to a **subdermal layer** of the patient skin. Botulinum toxin is about 150 kDa by itself, and is about 900 kDa when it is associated with other non-toxin proteins to form a complex.

The Mitragotri reference, however, does not teach or suggest a method for delivery of proteins having at least a molecular weight of 150 kDa, much less a botulinum toxin. Instead, the Mitragotri reference only teaches transdermal delivery of proteins between the molecular weights of 6 kDa and 48 kDa. The Mitragotri reference at page 850.

The Smith reference relates to a method for treating a cellulite condition using a "cell renewal stimulant". Accordingly, the Smith reference teaches that a skin area can be stripped prior to applying a cell renewal stimulant (e.g., a retinoid, see claim 1). However, the Smith reference does not teach or suggest that an enzyme such as botulinum toxin may be applied to the stripped skin area, where the enzyme would penetrate to the subdermal layer of the skin. Further, from reading the specification of the Smith reference, one of ordinary skill would not be motivated to apply a botulinum toxin to the stripped area of skin, because a retinoid and a botulinum toxin are very different from each other and would be expected to have different skin penetration properties. For example, a retinoid (e.g., vitamin A) is a small molecule with a molecular weight of about 0.30 kDa., whereas the molecular weight of a botulinum toxin is about 150 kDa (900 kDa for the botulinum toxin complex). Since the penetration of molecules

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through stripped skin partly depend on their sizes, one would have no basis to expect that botulinum toxin would penetrate through the stripped skin similarly to that of a retinoid, because botulinum toxin is much larger than the retinoid. Thus, the claimed invention is not obvious over the Smith reference alone, or in combination with the other secondary references.

The Ceve reference alone, or in combination with the other secondary references, fails to teach or suggest the step of non-chemically disrupting a skin area in conjunction with the application of a botulinum toxin, much less that such step will allow for the botulinum toxin to penetrate to the subdermal layer of the skin.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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